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H.R. No. 284

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed  
2 cause for celebration, and Donnie Audrey Kite Cooper of Waco is  
3 marking this momentous milestone in her life on October 25, 2017;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Hollis, Oklahoma, in 1917 to Alvin A. Kite  
6 and Cora Edes Kite, Mrs. Cooper is the eldest of a brood that  
7 included her brothers and sisters Edes, Hardy, Kelsey, Garland,  
8 Oneta, Gale, and Dale; she is descended on her mother's side from  
9 Joseph San Pierre, one of the Old Three Hundred who received land  
10 grants in Stephen F. Austin's first Texas colony; and

11           WHEREAS, The former Donnie Kite completed her bachelor's  
12 degree at Oklahoma State University, and on October 4, 1942, she  
13 married Victor Kenneth Cooper; they became the proud parents of  
14 four children, Marilyn, Ken, Randy, and Sarah; a school teacher and  
15 an artist, Mrs. Cooper volunteered extensively in her community and  
16 with local churches; she was a member of the Central Texas  
17 Watercolor Society and enjoyed presenting "chalk talks" to various  
18 church groups; currently, she belongs to First Baptist Church Waco;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper and her husband shared a fulfilling  
21 marriage of 71 years before his passing in 2013; today, she is the  
22 cherished matriarch of a family that has grown to include 13  
23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and

24           WHEREAS, A source of wisdom and inspiration, Donnie Cooper

1 has witnessed a panorama of change during a historic century, and  
2 her 100th birthday offers a welcome opportunity for her loved ones  
3 to acknowledge the special place she holds in their hearts; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Donnie Audrey  
7 Kite Cooper on the occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her  
8 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Mrs. Cooper as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.